

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Farhad Azimzadeh)
MEETING DATE: December 3, 2003

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: **GTE Operations Support Inc., 100 Ferguson Drive, Mountain View, Santa Clara County** - Hearing to Consider Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) for Discharge of Partially Treated Wastewater to Waters of the State

CHRONOLOGY: July 1999 – VOC General NPDES Permit reissued
November 1999 – GTE received authorization to discharge under VOC Permit
January 2002 – GTE was assessed \$3,000 MMP for similar violation

DISCUSSION: GTE operates a groundwater extraction and treatment system at its solvent cleanup site in Mountain View. For the period from December 28, 2001, through May 29, 2003, GTE documented four effluent limit violations of trichloroethylene at concentrations exceeding the effluent limit of 5.0 ug/l by more than 20%.

We issued a \$12,000 MMP Complaint to GTE in October (Appendix A). GTE waived its right to a hearing and submitted a \$12,000 supplemental environmental project (SEP) proposal. The SEP proposal (Appendix B) would fund the Marine Science Institute to conduct 16 discovery voyages, six shore-side programs, and 20 outreach programs serving approximately 1470 students for the 2003/2004 school year. During the 16 four-hour discovery voyages on board, 560 students would explore the San Francisco Bay Estuary by catching and identifying fish, testing the properties of bay water, and digging through mud samples taken from the bottom of the Bay. The six shore-side programs would enable 210 younger students to experience the bay in the Institute's waterfront laboratory and classrooms. The 20 outreach programs would enable the Institute's instructors to take live marine animals out to the schools to 700 students. We conclude that the proposed SEP is acceptable.

RECOMMEN-
DATION: No action required

File No. 2189.8537 & 1210.48 (FA)

Appendices:

- A - MMP Complaint and signed waiver
- B - SEP proposal